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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 2:25-CR-00028-JAD-MDC

Plaintiff,

Stipulation and Order for Protective Order

V.

BRENT C. KOVAR,

Defendant

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Sue Fahami,
United States Attorney, Daniel R. Schiess and Jean N. Ripley, Assistant United
Attorneys, and Brian Pugh, counsel for Defendant Brent C. Kovar, that this Court
issues this Protective Order, which as outlined herein protects from disclosure to the public
any discovery documents containing third-party taxpayer information and other sensitive
information identifying information.

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1 In support of this Stipulation, the parties state and agree as follows:

2 1. The discovery contains extensive personal identifying information of third
3 parties, including names, social security and taxpayer identification numbers, dates of birth,
4 addresses, and financial account information. The release of such information to the public
5 could endanger the privacy of dozens of individuals and also subject them to potential
6 misuse of their identities.

7 2. The discovery to be produced in connection with this case may also contain
8 confidential third-party federal taxpayer information provided by the Internal Revenue
9 Service in accordance with 26 U.S.C. § 6103(h)(2) and is appropriately produced in
10 discovery pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 6103(h)(4)(A)-(D).

11 3. Such confidential personal identifying and tax information is collectively
12 referred to here as the “Protected Information.”

13 4. In order to protect the privacy of the third parties referenced in the discovery,
14 the parties intend to restrict access to Protected Information provided to the defense in
15 discovery to the following individuals: the defendant, attorney(s) for the defendant, and any
16 personnel whom the attorney(s) for the defendant considers necessary to assist in
17 performing that attorney’s duties in the defense of this case, including investigators,
18 paralegals, retained experts, support staff, interpreters, and any other individuals specifically
19 authorized by the Court (collectively, the “Covered Individuals”).

20 5. The Covered Individuals shall be advised of the Protective Order, and,
21 without leave of Court, the Covered Individuals shall not:

- 22 a. use the Protected Information for any purpose other than preparing to
23 defend against the violations in the Indictment, or any superseding
24 indictment or further charges arising out of this case;

- 1 b. provide Protected Information to the custody and control of individuals
2 other than Covered Individuals; or
3 c. publicize any Protected Information, including by attaching any Protected
4 Information to any of the pleadings, briefs, or other court filings except to
5 the extent those pleadings, briefs, or filings are filed under seal and/or
6 have all Protected Information redacted.

7 6. The Covered Individuals shall be further advised that any violation of this
8 Protective Order may result in sanctions by the Court.

9 7. Nothing in this stipulation is intended to restrict the parties' use or
10 introduction of the Protected Information as evidence at a hearing or trial, so long as
11 appropriate redactions are made in accordance with LR IC 6-1.

12 8. The defense shall inform any person to whom disclosure may be made
13 pursuant to this order of the existence and terms of this Court's order.

14 9. The parties reserve the right to seek to modify the terms of this protective
15 order at a later time pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d)(1).

16 10. Defense counsel shall retrieve from the defendant within 30 days after the
17 case concludes the discovery covered by the protective order that is provided to him, and
18 defense counsel shall inform the government in writing that it has collected the discovery.
19 For purposes of this paragraph, the case concludes with when the defendant is sentenced or
20 the case is dismissed by the district court.

21 11. In the event of a disclosure of Protected Information in violation of this
22 Protective Order (inadvertent or otherwise), defense counsel will immediately:

- 1 a. Notify the person to whom the disclosure was made that it contains
2 Protected Information subject to a Protective Order and request any
3 such material be returned;
- 4 b. Make all reasonable efforts to preclude dissemination or use of the
5 Protected Information by the person to whom disclosure was
6 inadvertently made;
- 7 c. Notify the government and the Court in a public filing of the existence
8 and nature of any violation of this Protective Order.

9 12. The parties agree that there is good cause for entry of this Protective
10 Order, pursuant to Rule 16(d)(1).

11 DATED this 11 day of March, 2025.

12 Respectfully submitted,

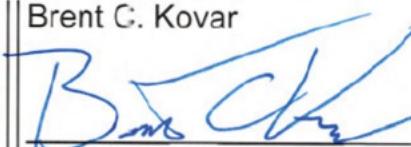
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17 Brent C. Kovar



18 BRENT C. KOVAR.

19 Defendant

20 /s/ Daniel R. Schiess

21 DANIEL R. SCHIESS

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23 Assistant United States Attorneys

24 IT IS SO ORDERED

Hon. Maximiliano D. Couvillier III
United States Magistrate Judge
Date: 3/14/2025

